

CRITERIA FOR HIRECRAFT

PART

1. A

HIRE CRAFT OPERATING IN SEYCHELLES

This Part applies to all hire crafts operating in Seychelles of which they shall:-

- (a) Have a canopy.
- (b) Have the name of the boat and its hire craft number on each side of its hull:-
 - The HC number could also be on each side of the console.
 - The HC number must not be less than 100 mm high and 25mm thick.
- (c) Have the word “**LIFE JACKETS**” to indicate the stowage position of **LIFE JACKETS**.
- (d) Have the name of the boat written on all the Life Jackets.
- (e) Have the following written on a conspicuous place onboard the vessel :
LICENSED TO CARRY PERSONS WITHIN LIMITS OF..... MILES FROM INHABITED SHORES.
- (f) Be physically attractive and well maintained.
- (g) Be fitted with -
 - i. 2 engines in working order
 - (Or)**
 - ii. 1 engine in working order and sailing equipment
- (h) Cushions must be placed on all seats (not obligatory for dive boats).
 - I. have a certified coxswain relevant to the range of operation of the boat
 - II. have onboard a first aid kit
 - III. Have at least 1 litre of drinking water for each person onboard.
 - IV. suitable life jackets for each person on board plus 10% (name of vessel should be written on same)
 - V. life-buoy with self igniting light plus 20 metres of light rope
 - VI. One waterproof signalling torch with a full set of spare batteries and a spare bulb.
 - VII. One signalling mirror.
 - VIII. One highly visible orange flag, 1 meter height, 2 metres long.
 - IX. echo sounder or lead line
 - X. manually operated bilge pump / suitable bailer
 - XI. suitable steel anchor and chain with at least 200 metres of synthetic rope of adequate strength
 - XII. spare anchor with chain and rope of adequate size and strength
 - XIII. appropriate navigation lights

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- XIV. garbage Sticker
- XV. tidal information

- (i) Staffing: adequate staffed trained in line with services offered. First Aid and Fire Safety must be physically and mentally fit.

PART I.B

VESSELS WITH LIVE ABOARD FACILITIES

All the facilities and equipment must be clean, well maintained and in working condition.

- should have the capacity to be self sufficient for at least seven days at sea
- must have an appropriate relaxing area (lounge) where by a client can read, write and gather together; this area should be shaded from the natural elements (sun, sea spray and wind)
- bathing facilities
- toilet facilities
- bedding
- bed sheets and towels
- cooker and cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery
- all vessels must have a holding tank

PART II

In addition to Part I, hire crafts operating up to 2 miles from inhabited shores must have:-

- two red rocket parachute flares
- two hand-held red distress flares
- One fire extinguisher of at least 1.5kg which has been serviced and is up to date.

PART III

In addition to Part 1, hire crafts operating up to 10 miles from inhabited shores must have:-

- Two hand-held red distress flares.
- Two red rocket parachute flares
- Two buoyant orange smoke markers.
- V.H.F Radio Telephone
- suitable magnetic compass with table of deviation
- One fire extinguisher of at least 1.5kg which has been serviced and is up to date.

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PART IV

In addition to Part I, hire crafts operating up to 60 miles from inhabited shores must have:-

- four hand-held red distress flares
- four red rocket parachute flares
- two buoyant orange smoke markers
- V.H.F Radio Telephone (approved)
- suitable magnetic compass with table of deviation
- hand bearing or spare compass
- navigation charts appropriate to the voyage or operation
- Log Book
- 2 Fire Extinguishers of at least 1.5kg which has been serviced and is up to date.
- Toilet facilities.

PART V

In addition to Part I and Part IV, hire crafts operating over 60miles must have:-

- MF Radio Telephone (approved for GMDSS type for area 2) or Inmarsat communication system
- inflatable life-rafts to accommodate all persons onboard
- Live aboard facilities.
- Navigation equipments, publications and appropriate tables for celestial navigation.